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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £3,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP £51,093.15.0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Wm. Kewick, Esq., Chairman.
Adolf von Arnim, Esq., F. D. Sassoon, Esq.,
Egbert Veson, Esq., H. D. Stewart, Esq.,
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:
The Hon. J. J. Kewick, | The Hon. C. P. Chater,
H. Hopkin, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and
Shanghai.
Agents—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
AND Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager,
Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [199]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

LATE
THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE
BANK OF INDIA, LONDON
AND CHINA.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,185,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.
" 6 ".....4 " "
" 3 ".....3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG:

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq., | Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
Chan Kit Shan, Esq., | W. Wotton, Esq.,
C. J. Hilt, Esq., | Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai,
Amoy and Foochow.

BANKERS:
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
" 6 ".....4 " "
" 3 ".....3 " "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.....2 " "
Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [18]

Insurance.

THE STANDARD
SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE OF 64 YEARS
STANDING, AND ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST
AND MOST PROGRESSIVE OF THE PROVI-
DENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM.

THE Standard has a long record of good
services to refer to; its Funds, annually
increasing, amount to £7,000,000 Stg.; the
Premiums are moderate; and all modern features
consistent with safety have been adopted.

DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong.
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GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000, } \$833,333.33
EQUAL TO }
RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Liu Siao, Esq., | Lo Yauk Moon, Esq.,
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1892. [189]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1893. [175]

KING WO CHEONG.

COAL MERCHANTS, SHIPS COMPRA-
DORES, STEVEDORES, &c.

Have for Sale a cargo of pure AKAIKI COAL
EX GOWDOWN and ex SHIP.

MR. J. W. BOYD, Superintendant at
Kowloon Docks, reports that AKAIKI
COAL GIVES TEN PER CENT. BETTER
RESULTS than any Japanese Coal he has ever
used.

For full particulars as to price, &c.,
Apply to
KING WO CHEONG,
No. 33, PRAYA CENTRAL,
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1893. [187]

Notices of Firms.

A. E. SKEELS & Co.,
Telegraphic Address "SOBRINGS," Hongkong,
(A.B.C. Code 4th Edition.)

AUCTIONEERS, VALUERS &
GENERAL MERCHANTS.

No. 17, PRAYA CENTRAL,
Under Messrs. Douglas LaPrak & Co.'s Office.

MESSRS. A. E. SKEELS & Co. under-
take Sales Privately, or by Auction, of any
class of Goods or Property. Prompt Settlements
Guaranteed. Immediate Cash advances on
Goods for Auction.

Cargoes received for Storage, Insurances
effected.
Hongkong, 4th April, 1893. [170]

Auctions.

AUCTION SALE
OF
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

OLEOGRAPH, CHROMOS,
&c., &c.

AT THE
AUCTION MART, 17, PRAYA CENTRAL,
TO-MORROW
(THURSDAY) April 20th, 1893,
AT 2.30 P.M. SHARP.

See Expresses.
A. E. SKEELS & Co.,
Auctioneers & Valuers.

17, Praya Central,
Hongkong, 15th April, 1893. [469]

Auction Sale

OF
PHOTOGRAPHIC CAMERAS, CHEMI-
CALS, and SUNDRY APPARATUS,
ALSO,
(on account of Liquidation),
30,000 "LA ARRATOONA" CIGARS,
in good condition,
unless disposed of privately,
AT THE
AUCTION MART, 17, PRAYA CENTRAL,
FRIDAY next, April 21st, 1893,
AT 2.30 P.M. SHARP.

See Expresses.
A. E. SKEELS & Co.,
Auctioneers & Valuers.

17, Praya Central,
Hongkong, 15th April, 1893. [470]

PUBLIC AUCTION

WELL MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
MARINBURK AND OTHER MAKES.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
SATURDAY, the 22nd April, 1893,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET,
A LARGE QUANTITY OF WELL MADE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE OF MARIN-
BURK AND OTHER MAKES.

Comprising—
MOROCCO COVERED COUCH & EASY
CHAIRS, DRAWING-ROOM SUITE IN SILK
TAPESTRY and PLUSH, Handsome PLATE
CABINET, MARBLE-TOP & TEA-TABLES,
MUSIC STAND, very fine TEAK OVER-
MANTLE, BEVELLED GLASS, PLUSH
FRAMED BEVELLED MIRRORS, COT-
TAGE PIANO, BOOK CASE, DAVONPORT,
CLOCKS, LAMPS, PICTURES, ORNA-
MENTS, LACE CURTAINS, CARPETS,
RUGS, EXTENSION DINING TABLE and
CHAIRS, SIDEBOARDS with GLASS BACKS,
WHATNOTS, PLATED, GLASS and CROCK-
ERYWARE, &c., &c.

DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON and BRASS
BEDSTEADS, with WIRE and HAIR-MAT-
TRESSES, CHILD'S IRON COT, DOUBLE
and SINGLE WARDROBES with PLATE
GLASS DOORS, MARBLE-TOP WASH-
STANDS, DRESSING TABLES, TOILET
SETS, SHAVING GLASS, BEDROOM
SUITES, &c., &c.

BATHROOM REQUISITES,
&c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale, and
the above will be on view on Friday the 21st.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1893. [476]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

DIVING.

A N experienced man seeks an engagement
as a DIVER, either as an "OPERA-
TIVE" or in charge of a DIVING PARTY.
Fully acquainted with all latest improvements
in sub-marine craft. Telephone, Lamp-work
&c.

Siebs and Gorman's apparatus (Double or
single Pump) can be pro-iced.
Breakwater and Pier Work a Specialty.
The Salvage of Cargo and Removal
of Wrecks undertaken in any locality.
References regarding work executed, in the
North Atlantic, Mediterranean and China Seas
can be seen.

DETONATOR,
c/o Office of the Hongkong Telegraph,
Hongkong, 28th March, 1893. [392]

DR. KNORR'S

LION BRAND

ANTIPYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 to 35 GRAINS TWICE.)
Is the most approved and most efficacious
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MI-
GRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM,
FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE,
ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and
many other complaints. It is also the very
best Analgesic. Highly recommended by the
Medical Faculty. Ask for DR. KNORR'S
ANTIPYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's
signature "DR. KNORR" in red letters.

"DERMATOL" is the best Vulnerary. Its
effect in stimulating the closing up of Wounds,
is described as amazing.
To be had at every reputable Chemist and
Druggist.
Supplies constantly on hand at the China
Export, Import and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for
China.
Beware of spurious imitations!

Hongkong, 18th April, 1893. [466]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

SALTERS' CELEBRATED BLACK GUT

TENNIS BATS.

AYRES' 1893 CHAMPIONSHIP

TENNIS BALLS.

SALTERS' ALL BUCK, RED RUBBER

TENNIS SHOES.

TENNIS NETS AND POLES.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1893. [7]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

FOR SALE.

CALCUTTA-MADE

SUN HATS.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1893. [107]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code—TELEPHONE, No. 33.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.
THE TABLE-D'HOET, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.
The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.
A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour
adjoins the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER
Manager.
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Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

W. ROBINSON & Co.

(UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL) HONGKONG.

PIANO TUNING.

SATISFACTORY WORK GUARANTEED.

SINGLE TUNING.....\$ 5.00.
5 TUNINGS A YEAR.....\$25.00 PER ANNUM.
12 do. do.....\$48.00 do.

INCLUDING MINOR REPAIRS AND THE KEEPING OF THE PIANO IN GOOD
ORDER AND CONDITION.

PIANOS BOUGHT, SOLD OR TAKEN IN EXCHANGE, PACKED, REMOVED AND
STORED.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1893. [58]

W. POWELL & CO.

ARE LANDING EX S. S. "NINGCHOW"

OVER 300 PIECES OF

NEW SUMMER

DRESS GOODS.

ANY LENGTH CUT. PATTERN FREE BY POST.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1893. [6]

W. BREWER.

QUEEN'S ROAD.

SLAZENGER'S DEMON TENNIS BATS.
CHAMPION TENNIS BATS.
ALLIANCE TENNIS BATS.
WIMBLEDON TENNIS BATS.
FAVORITALEON, &c.

SPECIAL BLACK GUT BATS: AYRES' REGULATION TENNIS BALLS.

SLAZENGER & SONS' 1893 BALLS. FAULTS UNDERSEWN and other BALLS.

BOOTHALLS, BOYS' CRICKET SETS. FAVOR SKITTLES and other Games.

TENNIS BELTS for Ladies and Gentlemen. TENNIS SHOES (Rough and Smooth) for Ladies and Gentlemen.

GUIDE TO HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO.

W. BREWER,
DR. HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1893. [46]

Intimations.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' ORDI-
NANCES 1865 AND 1890,
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE BALMORAL GOLD
MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COM-
PANY, LIMITED, will be held at No. 1,
Doddell Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, on MONDAY, the 1st day of May, 1893,
at NOON for the purpose of considering and if
thought fit passing the following resolution, that
is to say:—"That the Company be Wound-Up
voluntarily under the provisions of the Com-
panies Ordinance 1865 to 1890."

Dated 14th day of April, 1893.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JNO. S. LAPRAIK,
Chairman.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
OF THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED, will be held at the OFFICES
OF THE COMPANY, No. 2, Queen's Road Central,
Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on
MONDAY, the 1st day of May, 1893, at 3
o'clock in the Afternoon, when the subjoined
Resolution will be proposed:—

That the first Subsection of Article 103 of the
Articles of Association of The China Fire
Insurance Company, Limited, with its
marginal note, be expunged, and that in
lieu thereof the following Subsection and
marginal note be inserted, viz:—

"I may invest the Funds of the
Company in or upon English, Indian,
and Hongkong Government Stocks,
Bonds, and Funds, and in or upon the
Stocks, Bonds, Funds, and Securities of
any Foreign Government, County, or
State, and upon Mortgage of freehold
or leasehold property in Hongkong or
elsewhere, and in or upon deposits
with or loans at interest to any Banking
Institutions wherever established, and
in or upon such other Securities as it
may in its discretion think fit, and may
from time to time convert or realize any
monies so invested and re-invest the
same in or upon any of the Securities
aforesaid as occasion requires."

By Order of the Board,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1893. [435]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date NO FULLY PAID-UP
SHARES of this Company will be
TRANSFERRED on which the Calls on the
NEW SHARES standing in the same Name
remain Unpaid.

By Order,
R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [444]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SIX PER CENT. DEBENTURES.
SECOND DRAWING.

NOTICE.

INTEREST DUE on the above DEBEN-
TURES for the Six Months ending 10th
Instant, and the 300 DRAWN DEBENTURES,
will be PAYABLE on and after WEDNESDAY,
10th Instant. Holders are requested to deposit
their Debentures at the Office of the Undersigned,
for the necessary endorsement, between the
hours of 10 A.M. and NOON on the 17th and/or
18th Instant.

Payment of the Drawn Debentures, as per
published List, and Interest on all Debentures
will be made on application at the Office of the
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPO-
RATION on and after 19th Instant.

By Order,
R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1893. [452]

SHANGHAI RACES.

THE MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CIE.,
AND
THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY
AND
THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
COMPANY

will issue RETURN TICKETS to SHANGHAI
by their Steamers, available for return by either
Lines, and allowing of One Month's Stay at
SHANGHAI.

Fares:—First Saloon.....\$60
" Second.....\$40

Hongkong, 14th April, 1893. [462]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
contracts for the Supply of ITALIAN
MARBLE MONUMENTS. These Monuments
are beautifully carved, of the best design and
workmanship, and their prices are very reason-
able. They have also for Sale AMERICAN
MARBLE MONUMENTS at greatly reduced
prices for a period of TWO MONTHS ONLY from
the date hereof. A discount of 5 per cent., as
per schedule of prices, will be allowed to all
buyers, and a further discount of 5 per cent.,
making 10 per cent. in all, will be allowed to
Military, Naval and Police Officers. An
inspection is respectfully invited. They have
also HONGKONG GRANITE MONUMENTS
for Sale at reasonable prices.

TAI YUN SHOP,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, 18th April, 1893. [477]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public
that he has bought from the Official
Trustees the "GOODWILL AND STOCK-IN-
TRADE" OF THE TEEN YIK OIL SHOP, No.
44, Bonham Strand West, and that he will
carry on the same Business in the same place
and under the same Style.

MOW TACK,
Hongkong, 14th April, 1893. [464]

油生益天新永德茂

Masonic.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER.

HONGKONG, No. 218, S.C.
A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above
Chapter will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zealand Street, on FRIDAY, the 21st
Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Companions are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 18th April, 1893. [480]

VICTORIA LODGE.

HONGKONG, No. 1026.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zealand Street, on SATURDAY, the 22nd
Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1893. [471]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR CHEFOO.

"KINGSLAND"
will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 19th
Instant.
For Freight, apply to
JOHN ANDREW,
Agent,
Hongkong, 17th April, 1893. [474]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ZAFIRO,"
Captain Cobban, will be despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 20th Instant, at
5 P.M.
This Steamer has Superlor Accommodation
for Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 18th April, 1893. [475]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON,
HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE,"
Captain F. Davies, R.N.R., will be despatched
as above on or about MONDAY, the 24th Inst.,
instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 14th April, 1893. [484]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"PATHAN,"
Captain Wright, will be despatched as above on
or about MONDAY, the 24th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 17th April, 1893. [473]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Announcements.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure.

STEAM PLANT.—Of the latest and most powerful type.

SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

THE PRODUCT.—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LD.,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

"BOMBAY SODAS."

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, *Free of Extra Charge*, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS, whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good condition. Counterfoil Order Books supplied free on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—
PURE AERATED WATER
SODA WATER
LEMONADE

POTASH WATER
SALTZETTER WATER
LITHIA WATER
SARSAPARILLA WATER
TONIC WATER
LEMON SQUASH
GINGER ALE
RASPBERRYADE
GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,
51 The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, April 10th.
The Commercial Bank of Australia has reopened its doors.

EARTHQUAKE IN HUNGARY, BULGARIA, AND SERVIA.
An earthquake has occurred in Hungary, Bulgaria, and Servia, causing great damage.

LABOUR RIOTS IN BELGIUM.
April 18th.
The ferment among the Belgian strikers has increased. Desperate conflicts have taken place at Mons and Antwerp; the troops fired upon the rioters killing and wounding a considerable number.

ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE AT ZANTE.
Another terrible earthquake has occurred on the island of Zante by which twenty persons were killed and many injured.

SPAIN.

OPENING OF THE NEW CORTES.

MADRID, April 15th, 5 p.m.
Her Majesty the Queen-Regent opened Parliament to-day. The Marquis de la Vega de Armijo, Minister for Home Affairs, has resigned, and his place has been taken by Sr. Moret.

6.30 p.m.
The opening of the Cortes took place to-day amid the usual ceremonies. The King and the Queen-Regent were greeted with loud applause, and the proceedings were of a most brilliant character.

April 16th.
In the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Cortes the Queen referred to the Philippines as follows:—"In the Philippines Islands my Government will shortly restore the now debased communal institutions, which are rooted in the traditions of the people, giving them the authority and the means to meet the requirements of each parish. At the same time the efforts of the Administration and the available resources will be applied to the promotion of education."

which has already made great advances in those fertile territories, and to diffuse through their whole extent our civilization and spirit."

April 17th.
The Marquis de la Vega de Armijo has been elected President of the Congress of Deputies. Sr. Salmeron, republican deputy, has raised a heated discussion in the Congress over the question of having to take the oath of allegiance.

THE PHILIPPINES TARIFF.

It is anticipated that the first tariff scheme next month will convey the full details of the new tariff scheme.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

Knowe, April 17th.
M. Bastard, Vice-President, and Cap. Thoreux, after occupying Siangtrung, from which the Siamese retired peacefully, left a body of troops in charge and pushed on rapidly to the island of Khone which they occupied on the 14th. The Siamese officials and troops retired when ordered in the name of France. Telegraph wires have been carried on temporarily from Siam to Siangtrung and Khone. River boats are nearly ready.

SOCIALISM IN PORTUGAL.

PARIS, April 17th.
An attempt on the life of King Carlos of Portugal (now at Lisbon) is reported to have been made by a Radical Socialist.

TROUBLE IN BELGIUM.

April 17th.
The Belgian Chamber has rejected the universal suffrage scheme; this followed, in which many persons were injured and several arrested. Serious strikes and disturbances are now in progress.

"CHOLERA IN MALACCA."

(Special to Singapore Press.)
MALACCA, April 10th.
The number of cases up to the present is 64, of deaths 49. The weather is dry.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Redoubt* left Amoy for Foochow on the 15th inst.

A TECHNICAL JOURNAL called *El Nottelero* is to be commenced shortly in Manila, where already there are about a score of periodical prints.

EDITOR OF *Daily Post*—I'd like a motto for my editorial column.

OLD SOAK—Why not, "Render unto Scissors?"

A CHA-SEEK engaged to a pretty but very tall young girl, once addressed her "Oo long dangling he no longer passed muster and was fired. Whoop!"

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship *Ancona*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 4 p.m. yesterday, and is expected here about noon on the 24th inst.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of China*, from Hongkong, arrived at Kobe at 9.30 p.m. on Tuesday, and left again at noon to-day, Vancouver, via Yokohama.

OUR Amoy correspondent writing under date 16th inst. informs us that the tea season is in full swing in Formosa, and that things generally are booming on that island. The season promises well in every respect.

THE negotiations for the sale of the China Mutual S. S. Co.'s steamer *Chingwa*, 1,556 tons register, to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, were satisfactorily completed, and the vessel was handed over to her new owners on the 10th inst.

THE fog which at this season of the year usually enshrouds the coastline of Southern China has been more than ordinarily dense of late, and have interfered considerably with the regular receipt of mails at the Coast Forts.

THE P. & O. Co. are evidently bent on a change of policy, thinking it high time that they participated in the profits of the inter-Asiatic traffic. Yesterday the Company's steamer *Canton* called into Swatow and took on board from 400 to 500 coolies for the South.

THERE have been several muddles lately among the Chinese women of the "unfortunate" class. There is nothing of very great public interest in this fact, though it is one to be recorded for what it is worth; but the police seem to regard it as a secret more valuable than the details of a nihilist plot. Some people cannot help being mad!

INQUIRER—Yes, as you assume, tampering with either letters or newspapers and removing stamps therefrom is a very serious offence and is punishable at law. If, as you assert, you can prove that this has been done, then you have your remedy; but lacking absolute proof it would hardly be judicious for you to proceed any further than to make a complaint to the Post-master.

THE farmers of Ashino-michi in Tochigi-ken, says Kobe contemporary, have brought an action against the owners of the Ashio copper mine for damage done to agriculture in that neighbourhood. It is stated that owing to the poisonous fumes given off in the smelting of the ore, the forests of the vicinity have been destroyed, the trees being all dead. The plaintiffs claim \$65,000 as damages.

ONLY another extraordinary instance of the manner in which *Granny* keeps abreast of the times. On the 27th of March last, we published the intelligence that a Korean Steamship Company was about to be started to run in opposition to the long established Japan S. S. Co., trading between Japan and Korea; and this morning our poor old contemporary blossomed out with this very item to puzzle the few benighted readers. Truly, youth will be served!

A NATIVE paper says that owing to the recent prohibition of the export of rice from Formosa, Amoy and its neighbouring cities that used to depend upon the imports from Banks and Lo-kaug for the commodity, have been suffering from a dearth of rice lately, and in consequence the prices have risen to an enormous extent. One smart merchant who has an eye to business is reported to have made a "big pig" the other day by chartering a steamer and importing some thousand bags of rice to Amoy, and his example is being followed by others.

OUR esteemed evening contemporary yesterday stated that the Supreme Court was crowded during the Criminal Sessions—which was true enough. Our erstwhile contemporary went on to say that the reason for the crowd was that everybody was deeply interested in the Treasury fraud case—which was not true. We happen to know that as soon as an usher of the Court proclaimed to the crowd that a certain most disgusting indecent case was postponed for a day, the Court was truly swarmed in a very few minutes, not only of Chinese, but of Europeans, prominent among whom were a number of Germans. Further, during the trial of the same abominable case to-day the Court was crowded to suffocation, and one of the doors was a notification that "this day is for lawyers, officers of the Court, and reporters only," was quite blocked. It is hard to understand why the judge did not have the Court cleared.

YESTERDAY being the concluding day of the Mahomedan fasting season (Ramadan) today is a time of great feasting among the faithful.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Casill & Co.) that the "Shiro" Line steamer *Braconshire* left Singapore yesterday for this port, and is due on or about the 24th inst.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of India*, from Vancouver, arrived at Kobe at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, and left again at 11.30 p.m. for this port, via Nagasaki and Shanghai.

THUS the *Bangkok Times* of April 8th.—On Tuesday a European who, as he admits, struck one of the Chinese coolies in a rice-mill, was set upon by the gang and received somewhat rough handling. To his credit be it said, however, he performed the mysterious process of "laying out" six of his assailants, three of whom are at present being treated by Dr. Hays in the Bangkok Hospital.

MR. R. J. Forrest, late British Consul at Amoy, who has been in the Consular Service in China since 1858, left for home to-day by French mail, accompanied by Mrs. Forrest, having retired on a pension. Before leaving Amoy the British residents of that port presented him, and Mrs. Forrest with a silver tea set, which they were held in by all classes of the community. The presentation was made by Mr. T. F. Hughes, the popular Commissioner of Customs, who is a grateful terms expressed the regret which all felt at losing Mr. and Mrs. Forrest, and trusted they both might live long and happily in the old country.

THIS afternoon saw the inception of a new local enterprise in the trial trip of the *Nephtus*, the first steam water-boat in Hongkong, or, if we mistake not, anywhere in China. The *Nephtus* is a composite hull, with iron frames (sent out by a Glasgow firm) and wood sheathing; 80 feet in length, 17 feet beam, and 7 feet depth moulded. She was put together and engined by the Hep Thy Loong firm, Wanchai, who fitted her with compound engines capable of driving nine knots an hour easily, as shown by the trial trip. The boiler, bunkers and pumps are all on deck, leaving all the space below (except what is occupied by the engine which is beautifully compact and efficient) for the total carrying capacity of the *Nephtus* is by measurement 125 tons of water; the space is subdivided, on the lines of the original tank steamers, by one fore-and-aft partition, the whole length of the boat, and three sectional partitions, with sluice doors. The pumps, which work from the same boiler as the engine which drives the vessel, he supplied by Messrs. Worthington of New York; they can empty the whole 125 tons in three hours. The *Nephtus* is so admirably adapted to the requirements of a third shipping centre in the world, that the wonder is why there have not long before been dozens of such vessels here.

THE Office of the *Sydney Bulletin* on a congenial theme:—

CIVIL PROSECUTION.
The faults of men who once were rich
We must not view unkindly,
Nor press too hard on knights and sirs
Who've speculated blindly.
Rude legal terms would much distress
Their dainty constitutions;
What is by preference gentleness,
And civil prosecutions.

Be civil, Justice, all the time,
And ditto, Messieurs Jury!
Should counsel dare to speak of crime,
Suppress their ill-fury;
And scolding, who did money lend
To bused institutions.
Keep calm, and let the trouble end
At civil prosecutions.

Though figures have a fishy smell,
And facts are a little murky,
Attach no guilt to any "well"
Whose costume is rakish.
You may complain of "mistakes"
And plead for restitution;
But, for their own and others' sakes,
Have civil prosecutions.

SUPREME COURT.
IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before Chief Justice Fielding Clarke.)
18th April.

NO CASE.
Sul W, a barber, was charged with other not in custody with assaulting a man on Pokuham Road in March last.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty.
The foreman jury sworn:—
T. D. Dalrymple, E. A. M. Frichelson, I. A. W. Slade, H. Dibleton, J. Henderson, J. Jansen, E. J. Moss.

After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

19th April.

THE THAMRAVAT FRAUDS.—SENTENCE.
A. F. Alves, late clerk in the Colonial Treasury, Hongkong, who pleaded guilty to a number of charges of offence, falsification, and embezzlement, as reported yesterday, was brought up for sentence.

The Clerk of the Court said:—Andronic Francisco Alves, you have pleaded guilty to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 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The figures are those given us by Cantonese, which differ from others supplied us by Fookien men. We shall, however, have a correct statement at the end of next week, (April 22nd) by which time all the dollars will have gone. There is nothing very excessive either in the amount of treasure provided or in the number of intending buyers, notwithstanding that they both show increase, though the fact of their being more numerous at all goes to show that there is not the same apprehension of disaster in the minds of the majority of these operators that existed at this time last year, in spite of the prevailing opinion that prices must be higher.—*Echo*.

CHINESE INTERNAL CUSTOMS.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)
Nothing is more characteristic of China than her customs. Her method of collecting internal revenue is certainly unique. It can hardly be called a service, for it attacks too strongly the style of the individual, who says, "Your money or your life." Each station, little and big, and every individual in these stations uses every means fair and otherwise to get hold of every cash they can. It is the great throttle of public trade. As an old woman put it in speaking of a certain article: "Tax it, Customs tax it." Of course they did, why the Customs squander the very life out of one. Stations are important and unimportant and put on style accordingly. The Customs that the writer has in mind may most aptly be likened unto a carbuncle, red and all puffed up, and teeming with poisonous life, contact with which causes it to come forth from every aperture a stream of living corruption, alike repulsive and painful to all.

The justice of internal revenue collectors may be seen from instances cited, one of which is the following. A few years ago a boatload of coal was sent from Shanghai north of the river on the Grand Canal. The boatman carried a pass from the Shanghai Tientsin and met with a detention till he reached the Huai-kuan, the first big station on the Grand Canal after passing Yangchow. The bigger the official in charge of the Customs station, the more independent and offensive the underlings. This station is considered the "top of the heap," since the official comes from Peking, appointed by the Emperor, always of "his own family" and changed every ten months as it is too lucrative a position to hold longer—a general recuperative station for the poor relatives of the Emperor's family, so the natives think. Consequently all boatmen approach this place with a trembling heart. On this occasion the pass did not fulfil its mission and the boat was not allowed to move until the boatman paid a squeeze, just like any loaded boat without a pass.

The boatman appealed to the foreigners and one of the latter called to him and said, "then a native teacher was sent and during a talk with the underlings, they made this cool and accommodating proposal: 'Now look here, we want tea, 10 on this boatload of coal; we must have something, and it will cost the foreigners about as much to telegraph to Shanghai and they had just as well let us have it and we will pass the boat.' They did not rightly judge the Anglo-Saxons, who considered a little thing called principle more than they did money, and would have paid many times over for making a precedent for a continuous line of squeeze hereafter, so they sent the despatch to Shanghai. The day following the boatman came to say that the Customs must not lose face and if the foreigners sent the teacher to invite (shing) them to let the boat pass, they would permit it to pursue its journey. The Anglo-Saxons perceived that the telegram was working and they remained passive. The next day the coal was delivered and nothing more was heard of the 'face' of the Customs whether it was found or not.

The event transpired with slight variations. The boat was detained and the native teacher was sent with the Tientsin's pass and the foreigners' card to enquire into the matter, but he was told that they did not tax the coal, oh, no, they only taxed the boat, verifying the homely adage, that there are more ways of killing a dog than by running butter down its throat. Two days passed and a despatch was sent, but its working power had lost its effect since the last time, for the boat was detained seven or eight days. Result: boatman and four students make extra claims for delays, etc., and all but have a stiff, only checked by the submitting to the boatman's squeeze. Observe another "cause of riots" not put down.

What a contrast with China's efficient Maritime Customs under its able leadership. In the ports one gets truthful replies and is treated with courtesy and consideration, just the reverse of the interior. Any one having business with the native Customs and afterwards coming to a port, sees a difference truly refreshing and says with vim: "Hurra for the present system of Maritime Customs! Long may the wave!" On more than one occasion have foreigners been subjected to the courteous and accommodating policy of the Maritime Customs. One striking instance was on the arrival of the China Merchants' steamer at Chinkiang, one night recently; a passenger (first class) got off with his wife and child. It being late he requested the boatman to allow his baggage to remain till morning (a thing readily permitted by all the foreign lines), but this was declined. A talk with the commodore brought a like result; the baggage must be moved at once. As a last resort an appeal was made to the foreign Customs officer on duty that night, and just as word came that the baggage remained, the commodore came and the baggage was moved at once. One striking instance was on the arrival of the China Merchants' steamer at Chinkiang, one night recently; a passenger (first class) got off with his wife and child. It being late he requested the boatman to allow his baggage to remain till morning (a thing readily permitted by all the foreign lines), but this was declined. A talk with the commodore brought a like result; the baggage must be moved at once. As a last resort an appeal was made to the foreign Customs officer on duty that night, and just as word came that the baggage remained, the commodore came and the baggage was moved at once.

The remark is often made: "What do foreigners come to preach the Gospel to these people for, their religion is good enough for them?" To answer this in a practical business-like way is simply to point to the Maritime Customs and Interior Customs of China. The actions of one, though not faultless, are due to Christian civilization, the other to idolatry.—*N. C. Daily News*.

SHANSI NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
March 17th.
Opposition to missionary work in this province appears to be taking a violent aspect of late. On the 15th of the first month a native Christian teacher in the employ of the American mission at Joo-yun T'ai-chien, was laid hold of by two roughs and given a severe beating which made him an invalid for more than a fortnight. Being a *Christian*, and belonging to a respectable family, he took his case to the *magistrate*. In the full expectation that the *magistrate* would take the matter in hand, but this the *magistrate* has failed to do. Some of the *magistrate's* underlings even reviled the teacher for being a *Christian*.

On the 15th of the same month some rough experiences were meted out to Mr. Bagall at Chieh-shan. It occurred after dark. The ladies were out to see to the lanterns and got handled rather roughly, and Mr. Bagall who went to their rescue, was chased by men with drawn knives and had to run for his life. He found refuge in the store of a friendly Chinese,

who secreted him so that the mob failed to find their prey.

It is reported that one hundred Swedes are now on their way into Shansi and that one hundred more will follow them into the province in the ensuing fall. A testing time to Christian missions here is bound to come, but it is wise to hasten such a time by flooding the province with even devoted persons who know nothing about the manners and customs, or the language, of the people among whom they are to dwell.—*N. C. Daily News*.

FOOCHOW NOTES.

Foochow, 15th April, 1893.
A resident on the riverbank was rather surprised this week by a bamboo partridge flying into one of the rooms of his house. It was promptly secured by one of the "boys." The Chinese consider such an occurrence as good luck.

The reward offered for the arrest of the two escaped prisoners, as reported by us last month, has been increased to \$2000. If they are not caught within a reasonable time, the Magistrate into whose hands they were committed for safe keeping will lose his post. His button has already been taken away from him.

There was general disappointment when it was found that the *Namoa* had arrived without any European mails, and useless though it is known to be, the periodical blither complaining about the irregularity of the delivery of our mails from years ago to years ago broke out. The mails of 3rd and 10th March have been in Hongkong a week and there is no chance of our getting them for several days yet.

We have to report the failure of another piece of goods man with ill-billies close on \$30,000. This is the second failure in this trade this year, attributable partly to the higher dollar price of the goods following the fall in exchange, which has checked consumption, and partly to the preference given of late to Japanese goods. Both the material and the price of these latter fabrics seem to suit the public taste.

The high price of cotton yarn has put a check on the manufacture of the new-make of native cloth. From the late price of \$84 it has advanced to \$96 per bale, and many of the manufacturers have thought it prudent to close their doors at once, while others are continuing to work at a loss in the hope of either yarn declining before long, or buyers becoming content to pay the advance in price for the manufactured article.

We regret to have to record the sudden death of Mr. Lin Ching-ang, of the Foochow Customs, on Sunday last the 6th inst., at 2 a.m., at his residence, of heart disease. He left his office on Saturday well and hearty, and none would have thought that it was the last time this good and generous friend would be seen at his post. The news of his death will, we are sure, be felt by all his friends, foreigners and natives. Always in good humour, generous and obliging, he won for himself the sympathy of all who knew him, both in the office and privately. Mr. Lin was born on the 1st of September, 1842, at Penang, and joined the Customs Service at Foochow in September, 1864. He was during his career in the Customs stations at the following ports:—Tamsui, Swatow, Canton, Foochow, Amoy, Hankow, and since 1888 was again at Foochow. In 1875 he formed part of the Chinese commission to enquire into the Coolie Emigration to Cuba. He received his deserved promotion as Principal Chinese Clerk in 1875. We heartily sympathize with his family and friends in the sad loss sustained.—*Echo*.

KOREA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Chemulpo, 6th April, 1893.

Our winter has departed and we have now delightfully pleasant weather; the violets can be gathered in bushels on the southern slopes of the hills. The Hang Kang was open for navigation on the 17th ultimo, and we have no longer to undergo the tedious land journey to Seoul, but can take the pleasant trip again by river. The only drawback to this is that one does not know how quickly he may get blown up, for all the launches that run, with one exception, will not pass muster in Japan, and are what I may term decidedly dangerous; therefore I think terms should be taken to have them properly inspected, and if not up to the mark, such rotten tubs as some of them are should not be allowed to ply for hire. This ought to be done before some-one is blown to "kingdom come." If it were done a better class of launches would soon appear on the scene, but some of the present ones are having it for fire-wood, and their boilers and engines are only fit for old iron. The Japanese, who act as engineers, know very little about their business. Such craft would be prohibited running in Japan, therefore it ought to be stopped here before it is too late, and I think the Customs ought to have a qualified person to look after these things, as the launches all fly the Korean flag.

A short time ago the German gunboat *Itz* paid us a visit, and the English man-of-war *Passat* gave us a look-up, and our place was taken by the *Itz* in blue, who were all well dressed and well conducted, and quite contrary to some of the sailors who visit this place, who are an untidy, bawling lot. The above vessels have left us and we are now dependent on the protection of Japanese and Chinese gunboats.

We are looking forward to a bulling time when Herr von Brandt, the ex-German Minister to China arrives. We expect him about the 5th April in the *Pinghing*, which has been placed at his disposal. His marriage with Miss Heard, I hear, is to take place about the 5th at Seoul, and they leave for Shanghai directly afterwards. I am also informed that on or about 25th instant we are to be visited by a portion of the British naval squadron and the new British Minister, Mr. O'Connor. These occurrences will make things lively, and I assure you we will be pleased to have something to stir us up and break the monotony of everyday life.

On the 29th ult. we were somewhat surprised at the arrival of a portion of the *Pai-yang* Squadron, the mounted cruisers *Chih-yun*, *Yang-wei*, and *Wei-yun*. They left us again on the 2nd instant for Port Arthur.

Since the Osaka Shosen Kaisha Co. started running one of their steamers here, the N. Y. K. has commenced to be more lively with their vessels, but the great trouble is that these outside steamers cannot be relied on as to their time of arrival or departure. One sees a notice posted up at the Japanese Post Office that a steamer will leave at such and such a date, and you accordingly prepare for it if you have letters to write, sometimes whilst you are engaged writing, the steamer has started, or *vice versa*, it is always best to get your mail matter in at least twenty-four hours before the time announced. We are getting used to this kind of thing, but strangers are likely to be taken in. As I mentioned before, affairs are run very unsatisfactorily at the Japanese Post Office here, and often correspondence is kept back for some reason or the other, and even the pilfering of letters and the contents thereof are becoming more frequent. Some blame this to the new postmaster, whilst others declare it to be the fault of the new Japanese Minister, commencing his career by trying to exterminate all western foreigners, and he meant to do the same with the Chinese, but he was very cautious not to express his intentions open-

ly. He is the person who has written a book called the *Nippon-no-Nihon*, in which he states that Japan is called on to play a drama in which Russia, England and China are to be the actors, playing to the fate and drum of Japan, and the *locus* to be Korea. This is really amusing from a man like this, but what would this kind of the Morning Calm be without a crank, or something to cause an occasional stir.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

SHANTUNG.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Weihsien, March 29th.

Rumour says that an ice gorge in the Yellow River about 40 li south of Li-chin city has caused another crevasse in the east bank, thereby flooding the country to the east and south of the city. Fortunately the population in that region is sparse, so the loss of life and property is inconsiderable.

In mission circles much interest is being manifested in the coming "Shantung Conference" which has been arranged to meet at Chingchow Fu on Saturday, 11th November, of the present year. It is expected that nearly all the Protestant missions in the Province will be represented. The objects of this Conference are, a clearer apprehension of the several plans of mission work in vogue, and mutual encouragement in the one great mission, the evangelisation of Shantung. The topics to be discussed are such as apply to the peculiar conditions in this Province, e.g.: "The Poverty of Shantung, its causes and remedy." The use of money in mission work, etc. It may be said of interest to some to know that besides two or more societies of Roman Catholics, there are at least nine branches of the Protestant Church represented in this province. Named in the order of numerical strength they are, American Presbyterian, English Baptist, American Congregational, English Methodist, China Inland Mission, American Baptist, Anglican Church, American Methodist, Swedish Lutheran, and we may add the Canadian Presbyterian, just across the border in Honan, especially as they are expected to take part in the conference.

So far as your correspondent can learn, the "Church and populace are at peace"—*min kiao shang neng*, as the Court "phraseology" puts it.—*N. C. Daily News*.

HANG CHOW.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

5th April, 1893.

A few days ago, as I was coming from the northern suburb of the city, five gentlemen from Shanghai, on horseback, overtook me. They were anxious to find a place where a good sight of the river could be obtained. After giving them the required directions to a spot about five miles distant from where we met, I asked them why they did not stop at Hangchow, which is about thirty miles nearer to their home and, also, where the boat can get much nearer to the river. They replied that their boatman told them that their boat could not go to that city. I remember seeing in the *Daily News*, some time ago, minute directions as to the best route to take in order to reach Hangchow, and it occurred to me that it would confer a favour upon some, who may propose to visit that city, to republish these directions.

This is the usual time for the incense burners to visit the temples among the hills in and near this city, to worship the Goddess of Mercy and other deities, but there are very few this season. Ordinarily they come at the rate of about ten thousand a day, for several weeks, but this year, so far, they would hardly average a fourth of that number. The reason given for the great falling-off in the worshippers is the loss they sustained during the cold weather of last winter. Vegetables of all kinds and sugar-cane were greatly injured by freezing, and so their incomes from these sources were much diminished, and they are not able to bear the expense of a trip to Hangchow, to worship and to see the sights.

As soon as the weather becomes a little warmer they will have to begin their attentions to the silk-worms and that will keep multitudes of them at home.

In support of the view advocated by Mr. Weinmore, in a letter to the *Daily News*, some days ago, that the purchasing power of silver has not decreased in China, I may be said that such seems to be the case in and around Hangchow. We are paying the same amounts in silver for rents, wages, and salaries that were paid fifteen or twenty years ago without the least complaint so far, from the natives, that silver has depreciated. The same may be said with reference to building materials such as bricks, tiles, and lumber. Also the same is true of fuel and articles of food and furniture. And further the value of the silver dollar in cash is about the same as it has been for the past five years. In fact, it has been better during the past year than for several years previously. I have asked several native friends concerning the relative values of silver and gold and their reply has been: "Gold is dear."—*N. C. Daily News*.

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